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1. AS AFRICAN BUREAU IS AWARE, ANY SUBSTANTIVE MEETING BY AN AMBASSADOR WITH A MEMBER OF FMG OUTSIDE MEA MUST HAVE FORMAL MEA APPROVAL. I THEREFORE PRESENTED FORMAL REQUEST AT MEA THIS MORNING FOR MEETING ON URGENT BASIS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CIVIL AVIATION IN ORDER MAKE PRESENTATION AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. IN DISCUSSING REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADORS MUSA AND OKANY IN MEA'S AMERICA DEPARTMENT, I PRESENTED REFTEL'S MAIN POINTS. MUSA SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER NIGERIA AIRWAYS WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE PANAM ADD WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT IF THIS ADDITIONAL CAPACITY WOULD MAKE PROFITABLE SHARING OF THE MARKET BY NIGERIA AIRWAYS MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. HE THOUGHT THE OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM PANAM WOULD BE MUCH WELCOMED.

2. THREE HOURS AFTER THIS DISCUSSION, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED WORD FROM MEA THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF CIVIL AVIATION WOULD BE UNABLE TO SEE ME BUT THAT A MEETING HAD BEEN ARRANGED WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION PERMSEC FOR 12 NOON ON THURSDAY, JULY 20. ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, AND TO FACILITATE THE

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THURSDAY MEETING, MEA HAS REQUESTED A FULLER EXPLANATION OF THE KIND OF HMDVICE AND ASSISTANCE THAT PANAM WOULD BE WILLING TO FURNISH TO NIGERIA AIRWAYS. PLEASE SEND US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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